

Ramsgate HAZ July 2021 to September 2021 Monitoring Report

Achievements so far

Years 1 to 3: Foundational Research

Landscape Characterisation Study

- Layers of history, geography, archaeology, transport flows, building developments etc. mapped

Aerial Photography Research

- Archive aerial photos reviewed to plot the development of the town and uncover hidden stories

Pre History Report

- A synthesis of material detailing Ramsgate's pre-history

Research undertaken for the Informed Conservation Series Publication

- History and heritage of Ramsgate researched by an architectural historian for publication

Listed Building Review

- Nine new buildings added to the National Heritage List for England, all at Grade II.
- Several sites re-listed/amended to reinforce their historic significance
- Eastcourt Villa upgraded to Grade II*

Conservation Area Appraisal Data Collection

- 13 character areas assessed by community volunteers

HAZ network developed and community events held including:

- Talks and walks during the Heritage Open days on the HAZ research
- HE and NLHF sessions to provide guidance on grant funding
- Visit to Hastings to view regeneration work and follow up community session

Year 4

Institute of Historic Building Conservation Day School and AGM in Ramsgate March 2020

- Overview and update on the HAZ presentation
- Overview of the Pulhamite Condition Surveys
- Tours of Ramsgate

Ramsgate Book Published April 2020

- Ramsgate, the town and its seaside heritage by Geraint Franklin

<https://theisleofthanetnews.com/2020/04/21/a-tale-of-300-years-of-ramsgate-history-in-new-historic-england-book/>

Ramsgate Virtual Book Launch and Outdoor Exhibition 11 Sept 2020

- In partnership with the Ramsgate Festival of Sound and the Ramsgate Society, author Geraint Franklin and contributors Nick Dermott and Allan Brodie discussed the book along with special guests in an online virtual launch
- 'Picturing Ramsgate' – an outdoor exhibition featuring photographs from the book displayed in shop windows and venues around the town centre and high street

Successful capacity building grant application to Historic England for the Seafront Placemaking Project April 2020

- Key community consultation and engagement project - focusing on Ramsgate's seafront from chine to chine exploring the past, present and future of the seafront and community heritage values and experiences
- Will culminate in an illustrated heritage statement of significance for the seafront prepared by the community and a suite of realistic prioritised project proposals
- This project lays the groundwork for future funding bids enabling the community to provide evidence of significance, need and demand

Successful capacity building grant application to Historic England for the finalisation of the conservation area appraisal and publication of online guidance for residents June 2020

Ramsgate Recorder article on the HAZ June 2020 (Page 56)

https://issuu.com/ramsgaterecorder/docs/tt_summerspecial_web_compressed_1

Pulhamite Condition Survey Finalised October 2020

- An assessment of the overall condition of the pulhamite, its repair needs and future maintenance requirements to protect this nationally important rockwork gardens for future generations
- Coastal Community team were successful in their bid to the Coastal Revival Fund (MHCLG) for £50k for a condition survey
- The surveyor worked very closely with and was supported by the Winterstoke Gardens and Eastcliff Projects community group during the surveys
- Goal is to secure future funding for repair work

Successful capacity building grant application to Historic England for a review of available training and skills provision in Ramsgate October 2020

- An education specialist will be recruited to undertake a literature review of available training and skills provision
- The review aims to understand the needs and areas for potential future support, with a particular focus on school leavers.

Successful applications to the Historic England Emergency Heritage at Risk Fund January 2021

- Contractors and professional adviser appointed to undertake emergency repairs to the Pulhamite at Albion Place Gardens, Ramsgate (via TDC)
- Contractors and professional adviser appointed to undertake emergency repairs to the Clock House (via The Ramsgate Society)

Conservation Area Appraisal Finalisation

- Consultants appointed and first draft of the appraisal undertaken January 2021

Historic England Schools Programme ongoing

Schools receive:

- free Continuing Professional Development and access to high quality resources e.g. historic maps and aerial photographs for their area
- advice on how to develop and deliver local history and heritage projects
- Access to a learning platform with additional resources
- Recognition as a Heritage School if projects are embedded into the curriculum (Plaque, certificates, use of Historic England logo)

Achievements:

- 9 schools involved in Ramsgate
- CPD training days with teachers (9 teachers attended)
- 5 schools awarded Heritage Schools Status
- Chatham and Clarendon Heritage Days
- Ramsgate's Remarkable Residents project
- Kent Steps Tiles Project
- Isle of Rydesgate Pop Up National High Street HAZ Commission (schools involvement)

Year 5

Historic England Covid 19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund

- Emergency repairs to the Clock House completed

Highlights Year 5 (July 21 to September 21)

Conservation Area Appraisal Finalisation

- Final draft of the conservation area appraisal prepared for public consultation
- Working group session with the Ramsgate Heritage and Design Forum to refine the final draft of the conservation area appraisal
- Liaison with TDC Climate Change Officer, TDC Homes Energy Officer and HE Head of Historic Building Climate Change Adaptation on specific climate change guidance in the appraisal

Historic England Covid 19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund

- Implementation of pulhamite repairs 30 August to 17 September 2021.
- Training Day for local residents and contractors due September/October 2021.
- <https://www.thanet.gov.uk/ramsgate-heritage-action-zone-receives-a-lifeline-grant-from-the-governments-culture-recovery-fund/>

Seafront Placemaking Project

- Series of three podcasts launched at the Festival of Sound August 27th to September 5th <https://ramsgatefestival.org/event/podcast/>
- Preparation of the project ready for re-tender

What's coming up in next six months

Conservation Area Appraisal Finalisation

- Public consultation and formal adoption by TDC October/November 2021

Seafront Placemaking Project

- Re-tender of the project and project launch October/November 2021

Ramsgate Tunnels

- Historic England Geospatial imaging team return visit to the tunnels to undertake scanning of the graffiti

Training and skills

- Tenders for a consultant to be appointed to undertake a review of skills and training provision in Ramsgate November 2021

Local List

- TDC aims to undertake a local listing exercise working with the local community

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